



## DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**2nd May 2025**

School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**  
We: **Nurture.....Inspire.....Achieve**

School value: **honesty**

This week, I've had the fantastic opportunity to accompany Sycamore Class for part of their first residential with school. They travelled to Tyn-y-Felin on Anglesey on Monday morning where they had two days of fun in the sunshine; enjoying a long walk to the beach with a scavenger hunt at the end and a trip to the creek where they explored the plants and animals living in and around the water.

The children had a delicious tea and finished the evening with hot chocolate around a campfire and the chance to reflect on the day. They particularly enjoyed chilling with their friends, swinging on the rope swing, playing table tennis in the games room and organising games of cricket and football. There was so much to do! It left them ready for a chat with their friends in their rooms followed by a good night's sleep.

After a very substantial breakfast on Tuesday morning, the children spent time in the on-site classroom with some artwork inspired by the natural world and had a great game of hide and seek outside in the amazing grounds. By the time they had finished their lunch and set off on the coach, they were more than ready for a sleep on the way back!

Throughout the trip, all the staff were super impressed by the children's excellent behaviour and attitudes, great manners and consideration for each other. I was particularly pleased to see their independence and confidence as they organised themselves and took responsibility for keeping their rooms tidy, making their beds and packing their belongings to return home.

The opportunity to visit Tyn-y-Felin is one of the many advantages of being part of the TCAT family of schools and I am looking forward to the wealth of experiences that the site has to offer our children in the years to come.

Back in school, it has been great to see the children enjoying the exceptionally good weather. Yesterday I heard squealing and laughter and went to investigate what was happening. I had a lovely time watching Holly Class playing in a paddling pool and having a brilliant time splashing each other. They were having so much fun keeping cool – they had no idea that their teachers had planned the activity really carefully to provide an exciting way to develop physical, social and language skills.

As the weather continues to improve, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and send in a hat to protect them from the sun at playtime.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Downey

### **Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day**

Last week, 4 classes topped 96% attendance – what a great start to the summer term for Holly, Rowan, Maple and Oak Classes. A further 6 classes were close with 93% or above – well done!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Last week</b>
<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Acorns</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Ash</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Olive</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>91</b>

If you need support with attendance, talk to us – we can work together to make small changes that have a positive impact.

### **Our New Social Media Accounts**

Exciting News!

Following the feedback from our recent parent/carer survey, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Facebook page, linked to an Instagram account.

From Monday, these platforms went live and we will celebrate the incredible learning happening at our school and showcase the amazing efforts of our dedicated team. Stay tuned for updates, photos, and stories that highlight our vibrant school community!

To find us search @dallamprimary on Instagram and Dallam Community Primary School on pages on Facebook.

**If you do not consent to your child appearing on social media platforms, please inform the office that you wish to “opt out”.**

## **Arbor - New Parent Communication App**

We are excited to announce that we have moved our Management Information System to Arbor.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. **This will replace the IRIS ParentMail App.**

As Primary Guardian, we need you to first set up a password to access the Arbor Parent Portal and then to download the Arbor App.

We have spent a number of weeks undertaking a data cleansing process to ensure our data in our MIS is accurate from transferring over, however there may be the odd 'querble' in the system.

**You can only access the App by first setting up portal access.**

Having the app will mean we can communicate with you, sending messages about trips, clubs, etc. It will also mean you can keep up to date with your child's attendance. The default Arbor recommendation is that each child is normally assigned one Primary Guardian.

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we've sent this email to.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

After successfully completing the Parent Portal, you can then download the Arbor App to your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Arbor is available at the app store

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.arboeducation.parentapp&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.arboeducation.parentapp&hl=en_GB)



Today's newsletter will also be sent on Arbor.

## **School Uniform - Reminder**

The children always look so smart and prepared for the summer temperatures in their summer uniforms this term. Please make sure that your child has a cardigan or sweatshirt for the cooler days and double check that they have their name in all their clothing. This is the time of year when most cardigans and sweatshirts are left on the playground and field and reuniting them with their owners can be extremely challenging!

As the year goes on, we always see more trainers being worn for school. Please remember that the **school uniform includes black school shoes**. Trainers are not permitted to be worn all day. If your child is not wearing school shoes or sandals, their teacher will speak to them and/or you about it.

If your child has school shoes, but is reluctant to wear them, talk to us about it – we may be able to help. Equally if there is any other reason why your child is not wearing school shoes – talk to your child's teacher or Mrs Wilson – again, we may be able to help. We have a selection of new school shoes in a variety of sizes which could be just what you need.

Finally, our PE kit is part of our school uniform – this is the time when children SHOULD wear trainers! The PE uniform polo is Dallam blue – not white. This helps us to make sure that

children are changing correctly for physical exercise and developing those good habits moving forward. Please make sure that your child has a Dallam blue PE top as part of their PE kit.

### **The Warrington Guardian Education Awards.**

Still time to make your nominations here:

These links will take you to our website:

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/24997377.warrington-guardian-education-awards-2025---enter/>

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/25004556.will-nominate-warrington-guardian-education-awards-2025/>

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/25031194.know-top-teacher-pupil-deserves-education-award/>



This link will take you directly to the nomination form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/iVfw6xmgEp>

I have also attached a QR code to the email, as it takes people straight to the nomination form.

**The closing date for entries is Sunday, May 18.**



### **VE Day**

There will be a special VE Day menu on the Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May (please see attached)



**Lead Learners this week:** a child who has made a good start to the term.

**Acorns:** The whole class, who have been a new book "Jack & The Beanstalk" their topic is growing and they have planted their own beans.

**Seedlings:** Archie has come back to school happy and excited to learn.

**Ash:** Isabella has made a good and calm start to the summer term. She has tried hard in maths and phonics.

**Cedar:** Szofia has made a fantastic start back to school and has been impressing us with her amazing writing!

**Rowan:** Mayia has made an excellent start to the half term. She consistently shows a positive attitude to learning and is always kind to her friends.

**Maple:** Cleo for caring about the quality of her work and going the extra mile to make sure that every piece is amazing.

**Sycamore:** Kai came back with an amazing attitude, super positive and ready to learn.

**Olive:** Eric for making a great start to the term. He has been on time every day and been fully focused in every lesson!

**Oak:** Leo for making a great start to the new term. He has been working really hard on his writing pieces and is eager to do his best.

**Holly:** Christopher for abiding by all the rules and joining in with Mr Corcoran our visiting artist.

**Cherry:** Logan for completing all his lessons with a big smile on his face and trying his hardest. He got 96% on his latest arithmetic test!

**Willow:** Nathan for starting the new term with a positive attitude to learning.

**THIS WEEK'S PALS POINTS, READING CHAMPIONS AND MAD ABOUT MATHS AWARDS**

PALS POINTS – Positive Attitude to Learning points:

100 PALS = Dallam YELLOW

200 PALS = Dallam GREEN

300 PALS = Dallam RED

400 PALS = Deputy Head's SILVER

500 PALS = Head Teacher's GOLD

600 PALS = Governor's 3 STAR

Reading Champions and Mad about Maths - For every 10 occasions your child reads or does maths at home it will be celebrated in our Monday assembly.

This week's awards go to:

	READING CHAMPIONS	MAD ABOUT MATHS	PALS
<b>Ash</b>	Rupert, Tommy , Isabella		
<b>Cedar</b>	David, Evie-Mae, Harper-Mae and Matilda.		
<b>Rowan</b>	Tayla, Teddy, Rajmond, Nevaeh, Darcie L, Al-Mubarak, Khloe, Lewis, Wissam	Alice	
<b>Maple</b>	Lewis, Cleo, Thomas, Ronan, Shana		
<b>Sycamore</b>	Liv, Hina, Sophia M, Rosa, Joe, Zack, Scarlett, Darcy, Sofia, Emily P, Paiveen, Sidar and Awaan	Liv, Hina, Sophia M, Rosa, Joe, Zack, Scarlett, Darcy, Sofia, Emily P, Paiveen, Sidar and Awaan	
<b>Olive</b>	Bella, Demi, Oscar, Eric, Alex, Zsombor, Ava, Jackson, Poppy, Charlie	Jackson, Eric, Poppy, Zsombor, Jasmine, Poppy,	
<b>Oak</b>	Fraya, Pelin, Nia, Theo, Jace, Rory, Ike, Holly C, Issy, Idris, Hollie M, Leo, Katie, Kornel, Summer, Sophia, Finley, Liya, Connor, Elijah, Gosia, Mason, Julia, Samuel, Bella.	Fraya, Pelin, Nia, Theo, Jace, Rory, Ike, Holly C, Issy, Idris, Hollie M, Leo, Katie, Kornel, Summer, Sophia, Finley, Liya, Connor, Elijah, Gosia, Mason, Julia, Samuel, Bella.	
<b>Willow</b>	Nathan x2 Oscar x2		
<b>Cherry</b>	Logan		



**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Whole School photos	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
TCAT Performance for the choir. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June